

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 29, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HR 3
Executive Action: HB 26, HB 275, HR 3, HB 303

HEARING ON HR 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:35 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HR 3, Encourage federal funding for highway construction.
EXHIBIT(trh19a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:25 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:02:46 Jim Lynch, Department of Transportation (DOT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:15 Rep. Wiseman
00:03:20 Rep. Lange
00:03:25 Rep. Wiseman
00:03:50 Rep. Lange
00:04:54 Rep. Sonju
00:05:09 Mr. Hegreberg
00:06:47 Rep. Malcolm
00:07:10 Director Lynch, DOT
00:10:50 Rep. MacLaren
00:11:14 Director Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:28 Rep. Lange

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 26

00:13:13 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 26 DO PASS.**

00:13:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 26 BE AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wiseman
and Rep. Kottel voted aye by proxy.

EXHIBIT(trh19a02)

00:14:47 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 26 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

00:15:00 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 26 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(trh19a03)

Discussion:

00:15:26 Leanne Heisel
00:16:42 Rep. Sonju
00:16:58 Rep. Arntzen
00:17:14 Rep. Sonju
00:17:22 Leanne Heisel
00:17:45 Rep. Sonju
00:18:05 Leanne Heisel
00:18:18 Rep. Wilson

00:18:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Kottel voting aye by proxy.

00:19:04 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 26 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED.

00:19:29 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 26 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(trh19a04)

Discussion:

00:20:58 Rep. Arntzen
00:21:06 Rep. Sonju
00:21:17 Director Lynch
00:21:53 Rep. Arntzen
00:22:13 Director Lynch
00:22:23 Rep. Sonju
00:22:46 Rep. Furey
00:22:58 Rep. Sonju
00:23:05 Director Lynch
00:24:05 Rep. Arntzen
00:24:13 Director Lynch
00:24:53 Rep. Arntzen
00:25:01 Director Lynch
00:25:39 Rep. MacLaren
00:26:04 Rep. Furey
00:26:40 Director Lynch
00:29:30 Rep. Nooney
00:29:36 Director Lynch
00:30:52 Rep. Arntzen
00:31:08 Director Lynch
00:31:15 Rep. Sonju
00:31:24 Director Lynch
00:31:30 Rep. Sonju
00:31:34 Director Lynch

00:32:38 Rep. Sonju
 00:32:48 Director Lynch
 00:32:54 Rep. Sonju
 00:33:00 Director Lynch
 00:35:15 Rep. Wilson
 00:36:21 Director Lynch
 00:36:55 Rep. Wilson
 00:37:25 Director Lynch
 00:38:54 Rep. Sonju
 00:39:13 Rep. Arntzen
 00:39:40 Rep. Sonju
 00:40:04 Director Lynch
 00:40:52 Rep. Arntzen
 00:41:17 Director Lynch
 00:41:20 Rep. Arntzen
 00:41:33 Rep. Furey
 00:42:09 Rep. Sonju
 00:42:39 Director Lynch

00:42:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kottel voting aye by proxy.

00:43:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 26 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kottel voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 275

00:44:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 275 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Kottel voting aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 3

00:46:07 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HR 3 BE ADOPTED**.

Discussion:

00:46:27 Rep. Wiseman
 00:46:37 Rep. Sonju
 00:46:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HR 3 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kottel voting aye by proxy.

00:47:20 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HR 3 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:47:38 Rep. Malcolm
00:47:53 Leanne Heisel

00:48:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep.
Kottel voting aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 303

00:48:52 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 303 DO PASS.**

00:49:02 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 303 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(trh19a05)

Discussion:

00:49:20 Rep. Furey
00:49:51 Rep. Arntzen
00:50:09 Rep. Furey

00:50:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Kottel voting aye by proxy.

00:50:59 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 303 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:51:29 Rep. Wiseman
00:52:09 Rep. Malcolm
00:52:35 Rep. Furey
00:53:28 Rep. Malcolm
00:53:35 Rep. Furey
00:53:43 Rep. MacLaren
00:54:18 Rep. Hilbert
00:54:51 Rep. Furey
00:55:34 Rep. Arntzen
00:57:19 Rep. Furey
00:57:28 Director Lynch
00:59:05 Chairman Sonju

00:59:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with
Rep. Arntzen, Rep. MacLaren, and Rep. Malcolm voting
no. Rep. Kottel voting aye by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

01:01:19 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh19aad.pdf](#))